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SUBJECT: POC AND FDR COMMUNIQUES

1. BOTH THE CHRISTIAN DEMOCRATIC PARTY (POC) AND THE REVOLUTIONARY DEMOCRATIC FRONT (FDR) HAVE NOW RELEASED STATEMENTS ABOUT THE KILLING OF THE FDR LEADERS.

2. POC.
BEGIN QUOTE:
(THE EXTREME RIGHT AND THE EXTREME LEFT), ALTHOUGH DIVERGING IN THEIR FINAL OBJECTIVE AND IN THE TYPE OF SOCIETY THEY WANT TO FORM, ARE UNIFIED AND COMPLEMENT EACH OTHER IN THE MATTER OF MILITARY ACTIONS, IN THE PURELY TACTICAL FIELD OF DESTABILIZATION, DEMORALIZATION AND TERROR...THE DEATH OF THE LEADERS OF THE FDR, WHICH FITS WITHIN THE STRATEGIC PLAN OF THE MOST REACTIONARY AND DARKEST SECTORS OF OUR COUNTRY AND ABROAD, IS BEING CARRIED OUT BY MEANS OF (THE RIGHT'S) PARAMILITARY ORGANIZATIONS. BY THIS MEANS THEY ARE TRYING TO MOVE FORWARD TO TWO AREAS: A) EXTERNALLY, GENERATING A NEGATIVE IMAGE OF OUR COUNTRY WITH THE INTENTION OF CAUSING DEMOCRATIC GOVERNMENTS WHOSE ATTITUDE WITH RESPECT TO THE SALVADORAN PROCESS HAS BEEN POSITIVE OR NEUTRAL TO ADOPT A NEGATIVE ATTITUDE AND ONE OF ISOLATION... B) INTERNALLY, TO CREATE AN ATMOSPHERE OF TERROR AND DEMORALIZATION THAT MIGHT PERMIT THEM TO MOVE FORWARD WITH A COUP. ANOTHER REASON FOR THIS ACTION IS THAT THE EXTREME RIGHT IS TRYING TO SHOW THE SALVADORAN ARMY WHICH IS BEING SEVERELY ATTACKED BY THE EXTREME LEFT, THAT THE ONLY FORM OF SOLVING THE PROBLEM IS BY MEANS OF STRICTLY MILITARY ACTIONS...THE POC ENERGETICALLY CONDEMNS (THE KILLINGS OF THE FDR LEADERS) AND CALLS ON THE PEOPLE AND THE ARMY NOT TO FALL INTO THE TRAP THAT THE EXTREME RIGHT IS SETTING, AND ALSO CALLS ON THE DIFFERENT POLTIITICAL ORGANIZATIONS TO JOIN WITH US IN A STATE OF DIALOGUE AND PACIFIC DISCUSSION... THE JRG, FAITHFUL TO ITS PROMISE TO THE PEOPLE, MUST TAKE IMMEDIATELY JUST AND ENERGETIC MEASURES TO BREAK UP THE PARAMILITARY BANDS THAT ARE OPERATING IN OUR COUNTRY...THE AUTHORS OF THE ASSASSINATION OF THE FDR LEADERS, BY THE FORM AND THE METHODS THEY USED, UNDOUBTEDLY ARE THE SAME THAT FOR SOME DAYS HAVE BEEN OPERATING IN OUR COUNTRY AND HAVE NOT FELT THE WEIGHT OF THE LAW, THUS PERMITTING THEM TO ASSASSINATE MANY SALVADORANS OF DIFFERENT IDEAS AND TENDENCIES, AMONG WHOM ARE NUMEROUS HEROES AND MARTYRS OF THE POC...THE EXTREME RIGHT IS TRYING TO INCITE THE EXTREME LEFT INTO AUGMENTING THE SPIRAL OF VIOLENCE IN THE COUNTRY IN ORDER TO FIND A JUSTIFICATION FOR A COUP. IN THIS CRITICAL MOMENT OF DEFINITION, THE GOVERNMENT OUGHT TO TAKE IMMEDIATELY NECESSARY AND EFFECTIVE MEASURES TO MAINTAIN ITS CREDIBILITY AND THE CONFIDENCE OF THE PEOPLE IN THE REVOLUTIONARY DEMOCRATIC PROCESS...END QUOTE.

3. COMMENT: IN SEPTEL WE WILL REPORT POC LEADERS' ELABORATIONS ON THIS DOCUMENT. END COMMENT.

4. FDR.
BEGIN QUOTE;

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(THE FDR) ENERGETICALLY CONDEMNS THE ASSASSINATION OF FIVE MEMBERS OF ITS EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE WHO ON THE 27TH OF NOVEMBER WERE MEETING IN THE EXTERNADO SAN JOSE IN AN ORDINARY WORKING SESSION. (THE CRIME) HAS ALL THE CHARACTERISTICS OF THE MOST SAVAGE REPRESSIVE ACT COMMITTED IN ANY COUNTRY AGAINST A MASS POLITICAL ORGANIZATION WHICH IS OPEN AND PLURALIST...THE FDR HAS BEGUN TO RECEIVE EXPRESSIONS OF NATIONAL AND INTERNATIONAL SOLIDARITY REGARDING THE LOSS OF THESE VALIANT COMPANIONS WHO WERE KIDNAPPED, TORTURED AND THEN PHYSICALLY ELIMINATED BY COMMANDOES AND TROOPS SPECIALLY SUPPORTED BY A LARGE MILITARY GROUP, ACTING WITH THE GREATEST IMPUNITY BEFORE A GREAT MANY WITNESSES THAT AT THAT HOUR, 11:15 IN THE MORNING, WERE PASSING BY. THE FDR, MINDFUL OF THE GRIEF OF ALL THE ALLIED ORGANIZATIONS, WANTS TO MAKE CLEAR THAT THE ASSASSINATION OF THESE COMRADES WILL NOT REMAIN WITHOUT PUNISHMENT AND THAT IT DOES NOT BY ANY MEANS ACCEPT THE OFFICIAL EXPLANATIONS OF THE GOVERNMENT. THE FDR BLAMES THE RIGHTIST FACTION OF THE ARMED FORCES, THE PUPPET GROUP OF CHRISTIAN DEMOCRATS AND THE CABINET OF THE GOVERNMENT INVOLVED IN GENOCIDE, WHICH INSIST IN APPLYING A SERIES OF REFORMS WITH REPRESSION THAT HAVE BROUGHT ONLY DEATH, TRAGEDY AND GRIEF TO THE COUNTRY...THE FDR DECLARES ITS CONSOLIDATION, THE MAINTENANCE OF ITS DIRECTION AND THAT ITS UNITY AND THE STRUGGLE WILL CONTINUE UNTIL THE ATTAINMENT OF A GOVERNMENT OF AUTHENTIC SOCIAL JUSTICE. THE ROAD TO POPULAR LIBERATION IS LAID OUT. NOTHING AND NO ONE WILL BE ABLE TO DETAIN THE COMING OF THE POPULAR POLITICAL SCHEME, ENRICHED WITH THE BLOOD OF THOUSANDS OF MARTYRS, WHO FELL BEFORE THE BESTIALITY OF THE OLIGARCHY, IMPRIALISM, AND THE MILITARY HIGH COMMAND INVOLVED IN THE WAVE OF BLOOD AND VIOLENCE THAT IS ROCKING THE COUNTRY... END QUOTE.

5. COMMENT: WE NOTE THAT "IMPERIALISM" IS NOT DIRECTLY BLAMED FOR THE KILLINGS.
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